

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY COTONOU  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9434  
INFO AMEMBASSY CAIRO  
AMEMBASSY LOME

C O N F I D E N T I A L COTONOU 0402

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PFOR, EG, US  
SUBJ: EGYPTIAN MINISTER OF STATE'S COMMENTS ON US-EGYPTIAN  
RELATIONS

1. EGYPTIAN EMBASSY SECOND SECRETARY MAHIR AZMI RETURNED FROM  
OAU FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE IN LOME WHERE HE ASSISTED  
EGYPTIAN MINISTER OF STATE MUHAMMAD RIYAD FOR TWO DAYS. AZMI  
SAID THAT IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH MINISTER RIYAD, HE  
RELATED THAT AN AMERICAN EMBASSY OFFICER IN COTONOU HAD  
HIGHLY PRAISED MINISTER RIYAD'S PERFORMANCE DURING SRI LANKA  
NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE. MINISTER RIYAD ASKED AZMI TO PASS ON  
"TO YOUR AMERICAN FRIEND, IN HOPES THAT HE WILL REPORT THIS TO  
HIS GOVERNMENT," THAT IN THE FUTURE MINISTER RIYAD WILL BE  
MAKING STATEMENTS WHICH WILL APPEAR HOSTILE TO THE UNITED  
STATES. MINISTER RIYAD HOPES THAT USG WILL UNDERSTAND THAT  
EGYPT MUST BURNISH ITS NON-ALIGNED CREDENTIALS AND THAT HE  
WILL NOT MEAN WHAT HE SAYS.

2. WHILE IN TOGO, AZMI HELPED EGYPTIAN EMBASSY CODE CLERK  
DECIPHER LONG MESSAGE COVERING SECRETARY VANCE'S VISIT TO  
CAIRO. AZMI SAID IT EVIDENT THAT PURPOSE OF TRIP WAS NOT TO  
REACH DECISIONS BUT TO ESTABLISH CONTACT ON PART OF NEW USG  
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AND TO SEEK EGYPT'S VIEWS ON WIDE RANGE OF SUBJECTS. AZMI  
SAID THAT VISIT WAS OBVIOUSLY BIG SUCCESS AND, IN AZMI'S  
WORDS, "TONE OF MESSAGE WAS ECSTATIC."  
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